(b) whether it is also a fact that deposits in the banks have a declining trend due to large scale purchase of shares;

(c) what is the rate of bank deposits during 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85 and 1985-86; and

(d) what remedial measures are being taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The approvals granted by the Controller of Capital Issues under the Capital Issues (Control) Act, 1947 for raising capital by companies from Rs. 1023.49 crores in 1983-84 to Rs. 2003.45 crores in 1984-85.

(b) and (c) There is no declining trend in the growth of deposits of scheduled commercial banks. The aggregate deposits and percentage growth in deposits of scheduled commercial banks for the period March 1982 to March 1985 is given below:

(Rs. in crores)

As on the last Friday of	Aggregate Deposits	Percentage Growth
March 1982	43735	--
March 1983	50938	16·5
March 1984	60596	19·0
March 1985	72115	19·0

As regards 1985-86, the deposits of scheduled commercial banks have further increased by Rs. 4021 crores, indicating a growth rate of 5.6 per cent upto 5th June, 1985.

(d) The question does not arise.

Purchase of cotton by Cotton Corporation of India

2402. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Branch Manager of the Cotton Corporation of India at Guntur has purchased 30,000 bales of cotton from the cotton growers of Adilabad out of the 3 lakh bales produced there;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 60,000 bales of cotton have been purchased out of the total 13 lakh bales produced in coastal area of Andhra pradesh;

(c) whether these purchases were made under Government direction or of his own;

(d) whether Government propose to institute any inquiry into the matter; and

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Cotton Corporation of India purchased over 76,000 bales in coastal areas of Andhra Pradesh, the Corporation's total purchase as on 17-8-1985 being about 1,06 lakh bales in the Andhra Pradesh. The purchases are in progress in Prakasham, Guntur and Kurnool Districts.

(c) These purchases were effected by branch office at Guntur as per the direc-

tives of the Corporation from time to time.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of (c) above.

Joint undertakings in Asean countries

2403. SHRI M. M. JACOB: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are industrial undertakings under joint ownership of Indians in ASEAN countries;

(b) if so, what is the number of such joint projects in various ASEAN countries; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of such joint ventures in ASEAN countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 57 manufacturing joint ventures in operation in ASEAN countries.

(c) As and when Indian promoters approach Government for approval under FERA, 1973 for their investment abroad, the proposal is examined on merits.

Bonus of Central Government Employees

2404. SHRI S. W. DHABE:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how much bonus has been paid to the Central Government employees for the year 1984-85;

(b) whether any scheme has been formulated by Government for the payment of bonus on a permanent basis;

(c) how many Union Territories' administrations have paid bonus to its employees for the year 1984-85; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to ensure payment of bonus to their employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (c) productivity Linked Bonus/*ad hoc* bonus for the year 1984-85 has not yet been paid to the Central Government employees and employees of Union Territories.

(b) and (d) Productivity Linked Bonus Schemes introduced in commercial and production oriented sectors of the Central Government whose currency had expired have been extended from year to year. Similarly, employees who are not covered by Productivity Linked Bonus Schemes have been given *ad hoc* bonus from 1982-83 on a year to year basis. No final decision has yet been taken on the broad parameters for Productivity Linked Bonus Schemes for individual departments.

Pigmy Deposit Schemes in Banks

2405. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some nationalised Banks are operating pigmy deposit schemes and have appointed pigmy agents;

(b) whether these pigmy agents in all the nationalised banks are governed by a uniform set of rules; if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether safe working conditions for such agents have been ensured;

(d) whether it is a fact that the management of Syndicate Bank had assured their pigmy agents sometime back their absorption in the regular service of the Bank; if so, what is the number of agents, who have been absorbed in the regular service of the Bank in Delhi;

(e) what is the number of such agents who are vet to be absorbed; and

(f) what are the reasons for the delay in this regard?